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MUSKEG MEADOWS



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Upcoming Events

- Alaska Airlines © Club 49 Annual Golf Event
Saturday, July 13, 2013
18-hole "Drop Out" Scramble
Sunday, July 14, 2013
9-hole Best Ball Scramble

- Cruise Ships Regatta, Alaskan Dream, and Bremen

- Men's and Women's golf mentoring

- Ravens vs. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

- Parks & Recs Summer Youth Program has been rescheduled.

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NORTHLAND SERVICES 9-HOLE BEST BALL SCRAMBLE AND 9-HOLE INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP

*Saturday,
July 6, 2013
9-Hole Best Ball
Scramble*

Thirty-four golfers came out to play at Muskeg Meadows for this Best Ball Scramble.

Jim and Betty Abbott, George Woodbury, Ray Pederson, Curt Birchell, Shawn Griss, Grover Mathis, Brian Smith, Vincent Balansag, Kelly Davis, Shawn Richardson, Gwenna Richardson, Randy Littleton, Adam Messmer, Sam Sambito, Jim Shoemaker, Scott McElhoe, Ernie Christian, Ron Rice, Lezlie Rice, Wayne Harding, Toot Harding, Chad Harding, Dan Sipila, Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, Mark Sams, Chris Ellis, Greg Scheff, Ed Rilatos, Warren Edgley, Rafael Nunez, Chris Connelly,



Gwenna Richardson chips one in for a bogie on #9. Taking third place on Saturday's Northland tournament was this three person team of Gwenna Richardson, Nathan Bliss, and Chris Connelly.
Photo credit: Donald Groom

and Nate Bliss.

score 19.

1st place: With a team handicap of 16, Greg Scheff, Ed Rilatos, Warren Edgley and Rafael Nunez came in with a net score of 18.

3rd place: With a net score of 22, three-person team: Gwenna Richardson, Chris Connelly and Nate Bliss. Team handicap 16.

2nd place: Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, Mark Sams and Chris Ellis. Team handicap, 16. Net

Taking home the "Straightest Drive" was George Woodbury with 29.5" from the

line.

“Closest to the Pin” was Greg Scheff with a 17’7” putt on hole #4.

Tournament sponsors Jim Shoemaker and Shawn Richardson kicked in an extra \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place and \$100 for third both days. They also provided and prepared excellent food for the backyard BBQ.

“Shoe’s” Smoked Chicken, and Lisa’s baked beans, potato salad, pineapple upside cake and carrot cake were on the menu Saturday.

Sunday, July 7, 2013 Northland’s Individual Handicap

Individual Handicap: Four-somes pick who they’d like to golf with, while keeping their own individual score. Tournament scorekeeper uses individual handicaps to figure golfers net scores. Individual scores are kept and recorded to update players individual handicap for future tournaments. If players do not have an established handicap, tournament scorekeeper will use the highest handicap possible. Wrangell Golf Club Members receive a maximum handicap of 18 for men, and 22 for women. Maximum handicap for non members is 15 for men, and 20 for ladies, unless players have an established handicap from scorecards that have been turned in.

Twenty-four competitors came out for this 9-hole Individual. Jim Abbott, Betty Abbott, Arnie Sandness, Kathy Sandness, Eric Kading, Ray Pederson, George Woodbury, Joel Peterman, Greg Scheff, Brian Smith, John Morse, Shawn Richardson, Gwenna Richardson, Ernie Christian, Faye Kohrt, Mark Sams, Glacier Larsen, Frank Roppel, Jerry Bakeberg, Jim Shoemaker, Hal Rhodes, Randy Littleton, Rafael Nunez, and Warren Edgley.

1st place: Wrangell Golf Club Champion, Randy Littleton. Handicap 10, net score 30.

2nd place: Greg Scheff. Handicap 15, net score 31.

3rd place: Kathy Sandness. Handicap 15, net score 31.

4th place: Ray Pederson. Handicap 10, net score 35.

5th place: George Woodbury. Handicap, 10, net score 36.

6th place: Jerry Bakeberg. Handicap 6, net score 37.

7th place: Warren Edgley. Handicap 17, net score 37.

8th place: Jim Shoemaker. Handicap 13, net score 37.

“The Straightest Drive” went to Hal Rhodes, with only 24” from the line.

Ray Pederson got “Closest to the Pin” with a 9’7” putt on hole #4.

The “Straightest Drive” went to Brian Smith with 2.5” from the line.

“Closest to the Pin” was won by George Woodbury with an impressive 24’11” putt.

Jim Shoemaker and Shawn Richardson also included twelve \$50 gift cards to Sentry, Ottesen’s True Value and City Market as prize drawings.

Other great prizes included a large box of golf balls as the “Red Lantern Award” for the highest score, which was won with 52 strokes for 9-holes by Mark Sams.

On the backyard BBQ menu for Sunday, was “Shoe’s” smoked prime rib, Lisa’s brownies and salad prepared and provided by Pat Roppel.

Congratulations to all the winners!

If you’d like to read up on all the past events at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course, please check out the previous issues of my newsletter on our blog at

<http://wrangellalaskagolf.com/2013-newsletters/>

4th of July



Wrangell Golf Club's Brat Booth downtown Wrangell, Alaska on the 4th of July.

Photo credit: Vincent Balansag

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce hosted another eventful Independence Day Celebration! "There's No Place Like Home" was the theme. Wrangell Golf Club sold 500 Ken Davidson's World Famous Beer Brats at the Wrangell Golf Club's food booth behind Wells Fargo bank. Also, "Golf the 4th" Chipping Contest was also a huge success! Congratulations to Jon Fulgham winner of the grand prize, a 2014 Muskeg Meadows Season Pass drawing at the Chipping Contest! Scheduled to run from 2-5pm on the 4th of July, participation at the Chipping Contest kept us going for an extra hour. Treasurer Dick Angerman will announce the day's financials at the next scheduled board meeting.

Volunteering at the Brat Booth were Dick Angerman, Leonard Angerman, Fred Angerman, Steve Angerman, Kathy Angerman, Tom Duncan, Brian Smith and Benn Curtis.



Northland Services Tournament Sponsor, Jim "Shoe" Shoemaker chipping up on #9 green. Also pictured is his partner, Scott McElhoe.

Photo credit: Donald Groom

City of Wrangell 4th of July fireworks display, 2013

Photo credit: Donald Groom



Volunteering at the Chipping Contest were Ava Hay, Alice Rooney, Rupert Henry, Betty Abbott, Pat Roppel, Joe Lewis, Chelsea Mills and Mikel Smith. Working to retrieve balls were Donald Groom, Mikel Smith and Rupert Henry.

Raffle

Sunday, July 7, 2013 The Wrangell Golf Club sold 100 tickets for the 380 J.A. Automatic pistol, and held the drawing. Winner of the drawing was Rose Johnson. Mrs. Johnson also won last year's 50/50 raffle at the 4th of July Brat Booth. Congratulations, Rose!

Lessons/Mentoring

Each Tuesday evening between 5 and 5:30pm, ladies come together for golf mentoring with Kathy Sandness.

Men's golf mentoring with Tom Wolford every Thursday, starting between 6 and 6:30pm. Club members of the mentoring groups receive special member discounts, only \$15 greens fees, and a "Bonus Round" each week.

As an incentive to join in the evening mentoring golf, Muskeg Meadows is giving club members 50% off all rentals, including motor carts. Which brings the motor cart rental fee down to only \$10 plus tax! *All contract terms and rules still apply.

Mentors slogan, "Drive for the show, putt for the dough".

Evening golfers should bring bug repellent, and light rain gear, water proof rain hoods and club covers, as well as marker pens for marking to identify individual's golf balls.

Golf Course Attendant, Bill Messmer recommends using Listerine as a non toxic bug repellent.

Muskeg Meadows Modifications

Course repairs on fairway #3 remain in effect. Beware of cart path, foot bridges, and areas that are roped off. Please note that the areas under construction are considered by USGA as "Ground Under Repair", and may be played with a free drop out of the area, no closer to the pin.

The yardage on that fairway has been modified and compensated for on fairway #6 changing #6 to a par 4.

During tournaments teams will be using the colored pegs on #3 for tee areas. Men use the white pegs located just below the construction area and ladies use the red pegs just above the construction area for a short par 3. On fairway #6 the champion boxes will be used by men and the white tee box will be used as the forward tee.

The "Closest to the Pin" competition will remain on #4.

The "Straightest Drive" will permanently remain on fairway #1.

For your safety, please be aware of and yield to ground under construction areas that are roped off throughout the golf course. On the back side of the buildings near the Tourney Room construction has begun. A temporary ramp to the Tournament Room was put up and new steps to the back porch of the Proshop are now useable. Club Member and golf mentor, Tom Wolford, will be working to rebuild the back stairs to the Proshop, Ball Room, and the entire porch and ramp of the Tournament Room.

Ravens vs. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

Muskeg Meadows seems to be taking the lead in the stand-off with the ravens, which have been viciously attacking the fairways by pecking and digging for food.

The effort to control the raven's food source, grubs, continues at Muskeg Meadows. The golf course Superintendent, Wayne Harding, has administered a million predatory nematodes to the sod. He also has a plan to administer several million more. The nematodes will seek out and destroy the grubs. Predatory nematodes cause no harm to anything that isn't insect larva. Nematodes won't harm plants or earthworms either.

These predator nematodes kill only grubs by invading the insect's body and reproducing on the remains.

Nematodes can multiply by the millions per second when the conditions allow and each new nematode will repeat the cycle. Check out Charley's Greenhouse, in Mt. Vernon, Washington online to learn more about the beneficial nematodes at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com/index.cfm?page=_productdetails&productid=7852&learnmore=1#lmore



The nematodes were funded, in part, by the Rasmuson grant the Wrangell Golf Club received this year for course repair and maintenance within Muskeg Meadows Golf Course after last year's raven destruction.

Ravens are a protected species and are considered sacred by the local natives of Southeast Alaska. The Legend of the Raven says the once white bird, now black, helped bring the sun, moon, stars, fresh water and fire. The Raven is also considered by local natives to be ancestors who are mischievous, handsome tricksters.



Pictured above are examples of the damaged fairways caused from ravens.

Latest News

Professional photo prints by Donald Groom of Muskeg Meadows and golfers are now available to purchase through the Proshop. \$2 for 4x6, \$5 for 5x7 and \$10 for 8x10 prints. This is a fantastic scenic opportunity for families who are visiting for the 4th of July. Stop by the golf course anytime to see the photos available for purchase.

Tuesday, July 9, 2013, the cruise ship, Regatta will be visiting Wrangell. Power carts and club rentals have all been reserved between 8am-6pm.

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 10:00am will be the second youth tournament of the season. \$10 entry fee includes all golf supplies and dinner at the award ceremony after the tournament. Entry fee scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Children of all ages are welcome to play. Format will be announced at the tournament by sponsor, Don Roher.

Thursday, July 11, 2013
Cruise ship, the Alaskan Dream will be visiting Wrangell. Come out and golf with Captain Eric!

Also visiting Wrangell, Thursday is the German cruise ship, the Bremen.

4th of July drawing winner Jon Fulgham of the 2014 season pass at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

The driving range will be closed July 18th for installation of new nets. We are estimating this project to take a full week before it's completion. A work party has been scheduled. Please call the Proshop or further details.



Installation of new driving range nets to begin July 18th. Driving Range will be closed until netting is fully installed.

Photo credit: Donald Groom

Youth

Wrangell Parks & Rec Summer Youth Program has rescheduled their golf events for Tuesday, July 16th and 30th from 11am-12noon. For safety and skill, Don and Bonnie Roher will be available to advise the children of proper golf etiquette on the driving range and practice putting green.

Rescheduled from Tuesday, to Wednesday, July 10, 2013 Don and Bonnie Roher will be hosting the second youth golf tournament of the season. Youth of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to stay and walk with the teams of golfers during the tournament.

Children under 7 and those with special needs must be accompanied by an adult.

When accompanied by an adult, greens fees at Muskeg Meadows for children under 12 are always free!

Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is unique in the sense that it is beginner friendly. Aside from tournaments, and days the large cruise ships are in town, tee times are not required.

During the week, teams who play slower, let faster golfers play through. Hitting the links with the family is encouraged.

At the core of the game of golf there is a standard of behavior that lends itself to positive development in children. Present at any level of competition are personal skills such as honesty, integrity, courtesy and respect. Golf encourages the highest level of sportsmanship by teaching kids to be responsible for their actions and to use good judgment. Golf also allows for quality family time. It's a game that families can learn and play together. Because golf has an established handicap system that was created to determine a golfer's playing ability and potential, moms and dads can actually *compete* with their children even if they play from different tee boxes, or at significantly different skill levels.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several volunteer opportunities available at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

Salads and side dishes are greatly appreciated for our backyard BBQ during every tournament.

There is always a need for a "Double Your Money" host to spot on fairway #4 during tournaments. Must be 18+ years to participate. Volunteer position requires taking and recording bets and verifying if betters tee shot makes it to, and remains on the green.

There is also always a need for driving range pickers to find range balls outside the driving range nets. The golf course has special "Shag Bags" to pick up range balls which will save from bending over and reaching for the balls on the ground.

Painting, pruning trees and shrubs, and tending to the flower beds throughout the golf course is also something a volunteer could help with.

Thank You...

I'd like to thank tournament sponsors, Jim Shoemaker and Shawn Richardson with Northland Services. And each participant and volunteer who came out to show their support this weekend.

Thank you, Joe Lewis, Pat Roppel and friends for volunteering to serve golfers from the Club Cart this weekend, and bringing a beautiful salad for the backyard BBQ on Sunday.

Thank you, Chelsea Mills for hosting the "Double Your Money" competition on hole #4.

Thank you Ernie Christian for loaning out your Treager Smoker for the backyard BBQ this weekend! And Thank you Jim "Shoe" Shoemaker for offering your 5-star chicken and prime rib! Thank you also for donating your winning gift cards (\$50 from Ottesen's True Value, and \$50 from Sentry Hardware) back to the club for use towards Muskeg Meadows Golf Course needs.

Thank you to all the local participants, and dedicated club members local golfers, and all the golfers from afar who joined us in this weekend's events. We encourage golfers new to Wrangell, Alaska and Muskeg Meadows Golf Course to get in on the challenge of a friendly competition at any of our tournaments. Winning is never guaranteed, but a good time is!

Tournament entry (green) fees are only \$25 a person.

Thank you, Kathy Sandness, Tom Wolford, and Don & Bonnie Roher, Wrangell Golf Club Mentors, and Advisors. And the participants of golf lessons and mentoring groups.

Thank you to the golf course employees for the hard work and dedication to the Club and Course.

Wayne Harding: Muskeg Meadows Golf Course Superintendent.

Michael Brewster: Greenkeeper.

Bill Messmer: Tournaments, Grounds and Clubhouse Assistant.

Donald Groom: BBQ Cook, Computer Tech, Photos, Youth, Driving Range and Clubhouse Assistant.

Thank you also W.G.C. Board of Directors, your hard work and dedication is always appreciated and is what keeps the golf course going.

Thank you Sylvia Ettefagh, Lisa Nikodym and Nicole Strom at Alaska Vistas for volunteering to coordinate golf on board the cruise ships, and directing tourists to Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

Thanks to Don Roher, Wrangell Golf Club Board Member and certified firearms dealer for giving us the opportunity to raffle this pistol. And thanks to everyone who's purchased a ticket.

Thank you to the 4th of July Chipping Contest volunteers: Chuck and Ava Hay, Pat Roppel and friend, Jan. Betty Abbott, and Alice Rooney.

Thank you to the 4th of July Brat Booth volunteers, Ken Davidson, Dick Angerman, Leonard Angerman, Fred Angerman, Steve Angerman, Kyle Angerman, Brian Smith, Tom Duncan and Benn Curtis.

Thank you Captain Eric, with the Catamaran Cruise Ship, Alaskan Dream for making golf a regular stop in Wrangell.

Thank you to the crew at City Market for each person's hard work and dedication to ensure excellent quality of the food at the Wrangell Golf Club's Brat Booth for the 4th of July and our backyard BBQ during tournaments every weekend.

Thank you Brett Woodbury for your kind donations and hard work to keep Muskeg Meadows in top shape.

Junior GOLF Tournament
(907) 874.GOLF(4653)

Muskeg Meadows
Wednesday
July 10th
Tee time
10:00am
\$10 entry fee
Golf supplies and
Hot dog lunch included

Junior Golf Tournament has been rescheduled from Tuesday, July 9, 2013 to Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford the entry fees. Children under 7 years old, and those with special needs will need to be accompanied by an adult. Parents are encouraged to stay and walk with groups of golfers during the tournament. If weather is a factor, there will be a fun competition on the driving range with awards.

Alaska Airlines



SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013 18-HOLE "DROP-OUT" SCRAMBLE
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2013 9-HOLE BEST BALL

10:00am starting time both days.

Sign up **no later than** **9:45am**

SPECIAL DRAWING

4

round trip



tickets to any of their

many destinations!

SPECIAL PRIZES

1

round trip



ticket for each

"Straightest Drive" and **"Closest to the pin"** competition
each day!

Golf Tournament (907) **874-GOLF** (4653)

Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is providing a golf mentoring program for men Thursday evenings starting at 5:30-6:00pm. If you are a beginner or rediscovering the game, and have a desire to learn come join us with a more experienced golfer, Tom Wolford.

Keep an eye out for future leagues, play dates, social events, and learning opportunities with other mentors.



**Special discounts for W.G.C. Members.*

Annual membership dues \$40.00

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Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is providing a golf mentoring program for ladies Tuesday evenings starting at 5:00-5:30pm. If you are a beginner or rediscovering the game, and have a desire to learn come join us with a more experienced lady golfer, Kathy Sandness.

Keep an eye out for future leagues, play dates, social events, and learning opportunities with other mentors.



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2013 Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	SPONSOR	FORMAT	STARTING TIME
Sat & Sun	May 4th & 5th	Angerman's Inc. & Outlet	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 11th & 12th	Bob's IGA	Sat. Mystery Scramble Sun. Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 18th & 19th	Ryder Cup (PSG vs WRG)	4 Special 9-Hole Events (2 ea day)	10am each day
Tuesday	May 21st	YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball	4pm tee time
Fri & Sat	May 24th & 25th	WMC Foundation	9-Hole Best Ball	(Fri. 4pm) & (Sat. 10am)
Sunday	May 26th		OPEN	
Sat & Sun	June 2nd	City Market/Sentry Hardware	Mystery Scramble	10am
Sat & Sun	June 8th & 9th	K&R's Kave	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Saturday	June 15th	AP&T/KSTK	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sunday	June 16th	ELKS Lodge	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Friday	June 21st	City Market/Sentry Hardware	9-Hole Best Ball	Sign up 5:30pm
Sat & Sun	June 22nd & 23rd	R&M Engineering	(Sat) 18-Hole 2-Person Best Ball (Sun) 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	June 29th & June 30th	Othesen's True Value	Sat. 9-Hole Best Ball, Sun. 9-Hole Mystery Scramble	10am each day
Sat & Sun	July 6th & 7th	Northland Services, Inc.	9-Hole Best Ball, 9-Hole Individual	10am each day
Wednesday	July 10th	YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sat & Sun	July 13th & 14th	Alaska Airlines	(Sat) 18-Hole "Drop-Out" Scramble (Sun) 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	July 20th & 21st	First Bank	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat	July 27th	Bearfest	18-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sunday	July 28th	Sr. Apartments/Al Kaser Memorial	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sat & Sun	August 3rd & 4th	Totem Bar & Liquor	Sat. 18-Hole Best Ball, Sun. 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Saturday	August 10th	Women's Cancer Care Fundraiser	9-Hole Best Ball (with special events)	8:30am-4pm
Sunday	August 11th	Men's Cancer Care Fundraiser	9-Hole Best Ball Scramble	10am
Sat & Sun	August 17th & 18th	Sibline Sportsmen Association	2-Person, 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	August 24th & 25th	Buness Bro's	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Wednesday	August 28th	B.S.A. YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball	Sign up 3:30pm
Saturday	August 31st	Members Only CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	Individual Handicap	10am
Sunday	September 1st		OPEN	
Monday	Sept 2nd (Labor Day)	Breakaway Adventures	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Saturday	Sept 7th	2 Clubs and a Putter	9-Hole Individual Handicap	10am
Sunday	Sept 8th		OPEN	

*Sign up no later than 15 minutes before tee time.

\$25 entry fees each day unless otherwise noted.

*Must be 18+ years of age

*Additional youth tournaments pending confirmation.

*Schedule revised 7/07/13